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## FLOODS ARE DECREASING

Twenty-Five Million Dollars Damages.

## OVER TWENTY DEAD

Business in Pittsburg Stagnant for the Past Three Days.

## CONDITIONS MORE NORMAL

Exact Number of Fatalities Has Not Yet Been Ascertained—Loss in Pittsburg Alone Estimated At Ten Million Dollars.

PITTSBURG, March 16.—After three days of business stagnation, caused by the high rivers, conditions are assuming their normal trend. Tonight workmen had finished clearing the streets and began the difficult task of cleaning the interior of the immense buildings. The loss in the Pittsburg district is estimated at \$10,000,000 and reports from up river points increase the damage to \$15,000,000. The exact number of fatalities due to high water has not yet been ascertained. A score of persons are known to have met death and additional reports of many deaths were received by the coroner. However these reports have not been verified.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—With the Ohio river rising here at a rate of about one tenth of a foot an hour, it is practically certain that 63 feet will be reached if not exceeded. It is expected the crest will reach here Monday. The water has crippled a few street car lines, but no extensive damage is reported. Up the river the situation is more serious. This is especially true at Marietta and Portsmouth where the Crest is passing. At Marietta two thirds of the city is flooded and there is considerable suffering. At Portsmouth two levees broke, compelling hundreds of persons to vacate their homes and paralyzing the manufacturing concerns.

## INTOXICANTS FLOOD STREETS.

Converted Saloon Man Pours Stock of Beverage Into Public Way.

CHICAGO, March 16.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Litchfield, Ill., says:

"Nearly \$1100 worth of whiskey, wine and high grade intoxicating beverages of all kinds was poured in the streets yesterday in the presence of thousands of spectators as a result of the conversion of E. K. Tony, a saloon keeper.

The barrels and bottles were smashed and the ex-saloonkeeper conducted the smashing. All the protestant ministers of the city took a stand on the dais, and after the liquor had been destroyed, the vast crowd joined in singing, "America." Evangelist E. E. Vilett made a stirring address, denouncing the liquor traffic and insisted that the saloons should be voted out of Litchfield at the approaching municipal election.

## BURTON A LIVE ONE.

Promises To Show That Though Jail-ed He Is Not Dead.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—The Post Dispatch tomorrow will contain a statement from former Senator Burton now in jail at Iron Mountain, Mo., in which Burton says that he owes it to himself, his family and his friends to show the

people that Joe Burton is not a "dead one." If his plans materialize several fellows who have fought Burton will find he is pretty much of a "live one." Burton admitted that he intends making a long verbal statement when he reaches Abilene and says he intends to make some amazing statements.

## TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

FORBACH, Germany, March 16.—An explosion of fire damp in the coal mine at Kleinrosseln, near here last night caused the death of sixty-five miners and the injury of 12 others.

## UNIONS MERGED.

SEATTLE, March 16.—The two longshoremen's unions of Seattle met tonight and merged their interests in a new union to be independent of all national affiliations.

WHEELING, March 16.—The waters are receding tonight, leaving Wheeling covered with wreckage. It is estimated the damage will be \$3,000,000. Great suffering has been experienced.

## GASOLINE EXPLODES.

SAN DIEGO, March 16.—The explosion of a gasoline tank aboard the steamer St. Denis this afternoon caused the death of one passenger, one officer of the boat and three deckhands.

## GARRETZ VICTIM DIES.

PORTLAND, Mar 16.—Anton Grohs, the saloon-keeper shot Tuesday last by Peter Garretz, a sawmill hand, died tonight at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

## PROTEST AT CHANGE

New Postal Regulation Seriously Affects Railroads.

## CRISIS IS SAID TO BE GRAVE

Order Requires Average Weight of Mail Carried Shall Be Computed On Basis of Seven Days Instead of Six As Hitherto.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The big mail carrying railroad have decided to make an appeal to the new Postmaster General against the rule which the former incumbent in the office made requiring a change in the methods of weighing the mails.

A meeting was held yesterday by the superintendent of mails of nearly the heavy mail carrying roads and it was the general opinion that the new order, if carried out, would make it impossible for the railroads to furnish the present service.

The new law requires that the average weight of mail carried, the basis on which the total pay is computed, shall be determined by dividing the total weight carried for seven days by seven instead of six, as at present. It has been agreed that a committee shall be appointed, made up of one representative of the three strongest western and two of the strongest Eastern roads, and that this committee shall go to Washington, and lay the question before the Postmaster General.

If the request does not succeed then it will be necessary for the railroad to say whether they will be compelled to curtail the present mail service. Any attempt on the part of a single road, or of two or three roads to do so, would result in the general diversion of the mails to railroads which accepted the ruling.

Therefore, if there is to be an attempt to curtail the mail service, it has been admitted it must be by a concerted movement and by all the main mail routes in the country. Those who attended the conference yesterday, declared that the crisis was a grave one.

## GOOD GOLD FOR CHINA

American Money to Educate Orientals.

## ROCKEFELLER DONATES

He Will Give Fifty Millions to Uplift Civilization of Chinese.

## WILL BE HIS CROWNING WORK

Daring Scheme of World's Richest Man To Make Possible the Birth of A New Empire—Will Begin With Up per Classes.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—John D. Rockefeller is planning to give \$50,000,000 for the purpose of lifting the Chinese in their own country to the plan of civilization of the American people. Knowledge of this enormous sum to be used to turn the Orientals into the paths of western civilization has been made public by men who have been consulted by the intending donor as to the best methods to be employed. That is what Mr. Rockefeller meant when immediately following his magnificent gift of \$32,000,000 to the cause of general education, he said that he hoped before long to have something to announce which might be of still greater interest to the public. This is to be his crowning effort in behalf of the world.

Briefly stated, it is Mr. Rockefeller's intention to endow in the Chinese Empire many institutions of learning, unconnected in any way whatever with and religious organization, at which the mandarin classes of the Chinese may learn by teaching and association the value of higher civilization than that which they have yet known. It is thought that these upper classes will by their example turn the lower orders into the paths which their superiors in rank will be made glad to travel. It is a daring plan that the world's richest man has conceived. He intends with his money to make possible the new birth of an Empire. He has witnessed for years the futile attempts of apostles of Western civilization to uplift the Chinese people as a body. He has determined that the methods were all wrong.

## SPOKANE'S COMPLAINT.

To be Heard Before the Interstate Commission March 18.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The complaint of the City of Spokane, of discrimination in freight rates from the eastern cities as compared with rates to the Pacific coast cities, will be heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission on Monday in the United States Court in this city.

A plea is made for the same rates from Chicago and to Spokane as apply from Pacific Coast terminals because Spokane is 400 miles nearer New York than the coast terminals. The coast jobber can buy in New York or Chicago at the same freight rate, but Spokane must pay a higher rate from New York than from Chicago. The Hepburn bill, as interpreted by the commission will have a tendency to make many changes in existing tariffs, and after wrestling with the problem for more than a week the transcontinental Association adjourned until a committee of the western lines to go to Washington to talk the matter over with the Commission and get an understanding as to what the

Association can do in reconciling the two tariffs.

If one class tariff is abolished and the other extended to cover the entire West, Spokane's claim will not have any basis as to class rate.

This case promises to be fought hard as Chicago will interpose an objection to making the rate to Spokane the same from both New York and Chicago, as it will increase the competition of the local commercial interests.

## BLOODY STRIKE RIOT.

Return of Part of Strikers To Work Precipitates Shooting.

HAMMOND, Ind., March 16.—In a street riot at an east Chicago mill of the Republic Iron and Steel Co., several men were shot, two probably fatally. The trouble started when fifty laborers struck for higher wages. Twenty went back to work and the other thirty broke through the gates of the steel plant to get at their companions. When once within the plant a bloody riot followed, in which a hundred shots were fired.

## MASTER BUILDERS T O STRIKE.

SEATTLE, March 16.—Unless an ultimatum issued by it today is complied with by Tuesday next, the Master Builders Association threatens to suspend all work affected by trades connected with the affiliated Trades Council. The labor unions have demanded a wage scale of \$3 a day for common laborers. The master builders refuse to comply and unless an amicable settlement is reached five thousand or more workers will be idle next week.

## STOOD SHOCK WELL

Wall Street Recovered Rapidly From Severe Pressure.

## GENERAL PROSPERITY CAUSE

Harriman Believes Worst is Now Over—Despite Severe Slump in Prices of Stocks Wall Street Had But One Failure.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Men in the financial district were still marveling today over the way the "Street" had stood the shock of two days of the severest pressure the "Stock Exchange" has received for years, together with the accompanying severe slump in prices. Not a firm is reported in difficulty. This is attributed to the long period of prosperity which the country has enjoyed.

The cheer that was heard at the close of this session of the stock exchange with a day of substantial rallies was echoed across New Street for the "little board" too, had weathered the storm. The Consolidated could not claim the proud record of the "big" exchange since there was a failure there on Thursday, but as in the case of the stock exchange every broker met his obligations at the clearing house. President Budd insisted that the smaller exchange, like the larger, had displayed an endurance and resistance unprecedented in Wall Street history.

There were many suggestions as to the cause of yesterday's rally. Some laid it to Harriman, others to the Rockefeller's and so on. It is known pretty definitely, however, that Thomas F. Ryan and the Morton Trust Company put very close to \$4,000,000 in the purchase of yesterday's securities. Mr. Ryan, it is said, had not previously been in the market.

E. H. Harriman, in speaking of the markets aspect last night said:

"I think the worst is now over. It has probably left a good many lame ducks in the street, but I do not anticipate any failure. I used to say when I was on the street and it will probably prove true this time—that the first failure of an event of this kind is likely to be a bear house."

## ROOSEVELT DISCUSSED

Spends Day on Railroad Situation.

## LITTLE MADE PUBLIC

Receives Several Railroad Officials in Private Conference.

## TALKED ON THE ALTON DEAL

Governor and Attorney General Of Illinois and James Speyer Among Visitors—President of New York and New Haven Makes Appointment.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Questions affecting the railroad situation occupied more or less of the attention of President Roosevelt today. During the morning there were informal talks with some of his callers on the subject and a dispatch came from President Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, making an appointment for Tuesday. In the afternoon there was a visit from Governor Deneen and Attorney General Staud of Illinois. Semi-official denial was made that the Governor and Attorney General talked either railroads or finance to the President. From the statements however which have come from authoritative quarters preceding the visit, the inference is drawn, that there was some reference to the Chicago and Alton deal, which figures prominently in the recent Harriman investigation. The rumor gained currency during the morning that the President intended to issue a statement regarding his attitude but these reports proved groundless and later it was ascertained that the President would not issue such a statement today nor has he any such idea in contemplation. One of the President's callers today was James Speyer, head of Speyer and Co., of New York. It was impossible to ascertain from either the White House or Speyer the purpose of the visit. It could not be ascertained either what Deneen and the President discussed.

## BOILER INSPECTORS CHANGE

Locating of Assistant Officers on Pacific Coast Altered.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The Department of Commerce and Labor has sent to Supervising Inspector Birmingham, notice of the following changes in the location of the assistant inspectors of hulls and boilers from San Francisco to Seattle, John P. Dolan and Carl P. Lehnert, assistant inspectors of boilers, and Capt. Thomas Deering and Captain James Guthrie, assistant inspectors of hulls, from San Francisco to Portland, John S. Wynn, assistant inspector of boilers, and Captain William Howe, assistant inspector of hulls, from Seattle to San Francisco; Frank H. Turner, Edward Grouse, and Evan Griffiths, assistant inspectors of hulls and James B. Walters, H. C. Loud and Thomas Short, assistant inspectors of boilers, from Portland to Seattle, George Q. Welding, assistant inspector of boilers.

## SHOOTS TRAINED NURSE.

New York Actor Fatally Wounds Young Woman Acquaintance.

NEW YORK, March 16.—William C. Savidge, an actor, formerly treasurer of the Grand opera house and the son

of the late William Savidge an old time actor, was arrested tonight in Brooklyn charged with having shot Miss Roslyn Wilbert, a trained nurse. The latter is believed to be mortally wounded. Miss Wilbert was found in the vestibule of a house on Franklin Avenue where she was employed. A policeman pursued Savidge for several blocks and arrested him at the point of a revolver.

Miss Wilbert identified Savidge as her assailant. Savidge is 31 years old and married. Miss Wilbert is 27 years old and belongs to a prominent Brooklyn family. According to her story she had gone to a nearby drugstore in answer to the alleged message from a physician with whom she had a professional acquaintance. She found however, that the physician had not summoned her. Returning home she encountered Savidge whom she had known, and he invited her to take a walk. Miss Wilbert replied that the case she was on was most serious and she could not leave the place. There was further conversation when suddenly, Miss Wilbert alleges, Savidge drew a revolver and shot her.

## TRANSFERRED TO VICTORIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 16.—Arrangements are being made to make Victoria the depot for the transshipment of freight from California to Australia. Passengers and freight will be brought from San Francisco by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamers and trans-shipped to the Canadian-Australian steamers, which since the abandonment of the oceanic line from San Francisco, gives the Australia.

## DELMAS MAPS PLANS

With Associates is Preparing for Sur-Rebuttal.

## WILL LISCREDIT HUMMEL

Probably Will Not Object to Submission of Affidavit Held By Hummel But Pit His Story And Reliability Against Mrs. Thaw's.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Attorney Delmas conferred with his associates in the defense of Harry Thaw today, mapping out plans for the sur-rebuttal work at the trial. Applications were made today to the District Attorney's office for several additional subpoenas for the defense.

When the court convenes Monday, Jerome will present his last bit of evidence. This will be a photographic copy and carbon copies of the affidavit Evelyn Thaw is charged with having sworn to in Hummel's office. It is believed that Justice Fitzgerald will allow this affidavit to be introduced and that Delmas will not object and that the latter will content himself with attacking the credibility of Hummel by recalling Mrs. Thaw and then allowing the jury to decide between her version and that of the convicted lawyer. From present appearances it is not believed that the case will go to the jury before March 25 at the earliest.

## DIED FROM APOPLEXY.

SEATTLE, March 16.—An autopsy was held on the body of James J. Gannon, brother of J. J. Gannon, president of the Hibernian Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, who was found dead yesterday, found death was due to apoplexy and not murder as was suspected.

## BRIDGE TRUST GUILTY.

LIMA, OHIO, March 16.—After a trial lasting a week the jury in the so-called Bridge Trust case against William N. Cleveland today returned a verdict of guilty. The jury was out five hours.